Montana Reentry Plan Priorities

1. Development of Intake Procedures 1.1

GOAL: To establish a comprehensive, standardized, objective, and validated intake procedure that, upon the admission of the offender to the corrections facility, can be used to assess the individual's strengths, risks, and needs (*Reference: Report of the ReEntry Policy Council, pgs. 110-140*).

2. Development of Programming Plan 2.1

GOAL: To develop, for each person incarcerated, an individualized plan that, based upon information obtained from assessments, explains what programming should be provided during the period of incarceration to ensure that his or her return to the community is safe and successful (Reference: Report of the ReEntry Policy Council, pgs. 141-153).

3. Development of Parole and Reentry Plan 3.1

GOAL: To develop, for each person incarcerated, an individualized plan that, based upon information obtained from assessments, explains what programming should be provided after the period of incarceration to ensure that his or her return to the community is safe and successful (*Reference: Report of the ReEntry Policy Council, pgs. 141-153*).

4. Design of Supervision and Treatment Strategy 5.1

GOAL: To review and prioritize what the releasing authority has established as terms and conditions of release, and to develop a community supervision and treatment strategy (an updated Transition Accountability Plan) that corresponds to the resources available to the supervising agency, reflects the likelihood of recidivism, and employs incentives to encourage compliance with the conditions of release (*Reference: Report of the ReEntry Policy Council, pgs. 343-355*).

5. (tie) Children and Family Support 2.5

GOAL: To help offenders maintain, establish, re-establish, expand, and strengthen relationships with their families and to make available services and supports for family members and children of offenders, when appropriate. (*Reference: Report of the ReEntry Policy Council, pgs. 190-200*; and *Why Ask About Family? A Guide for Corrections* (NY: Vera Institute of Justice, 2011. http://www.vera.org/content/why-ask-about-family-guide-corrections).

5. (tie) Employment Upon Release 3.5

GOAL: To connect offenders to employment, including supportive employment and employment services, before their release into the community (*Reference: Report of the ReEntry Policy Council, pgs. 306-316*).

6. Housing 3.2

GOAL: To facilitate access to sustainable housing upon re-entry into the community (*Reference: Report of the ReEntry Policy Council, pgs. 256-281*).